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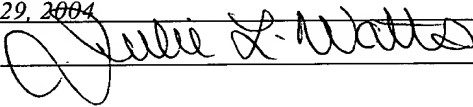
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed September 29, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks for entry in the above referenced application.

The response is being filed within the sixth month from the mailing date of the office action. Therefore, a petition for a three month extension of time and a check to cover the required fee are being filed herewith.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.